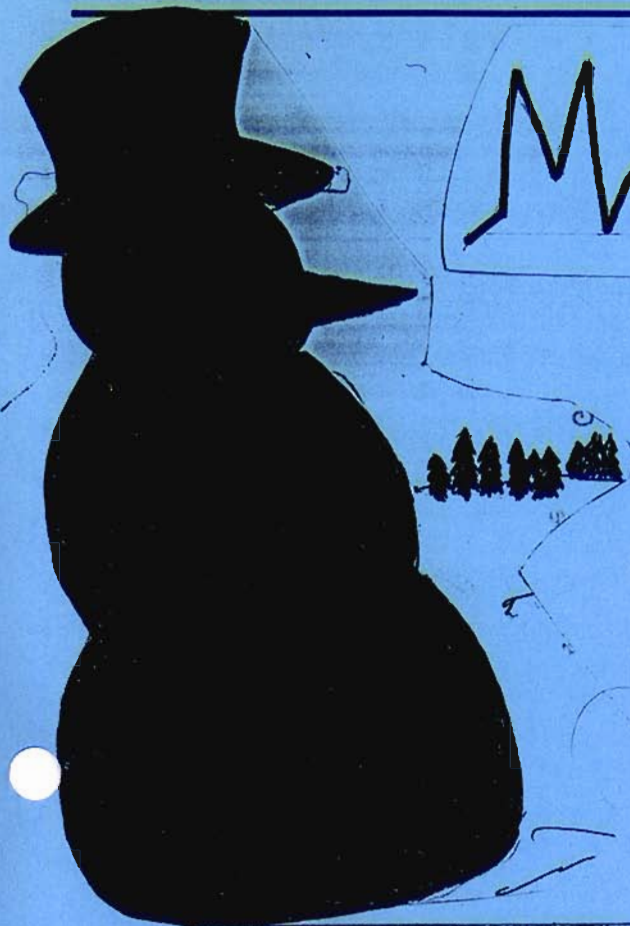
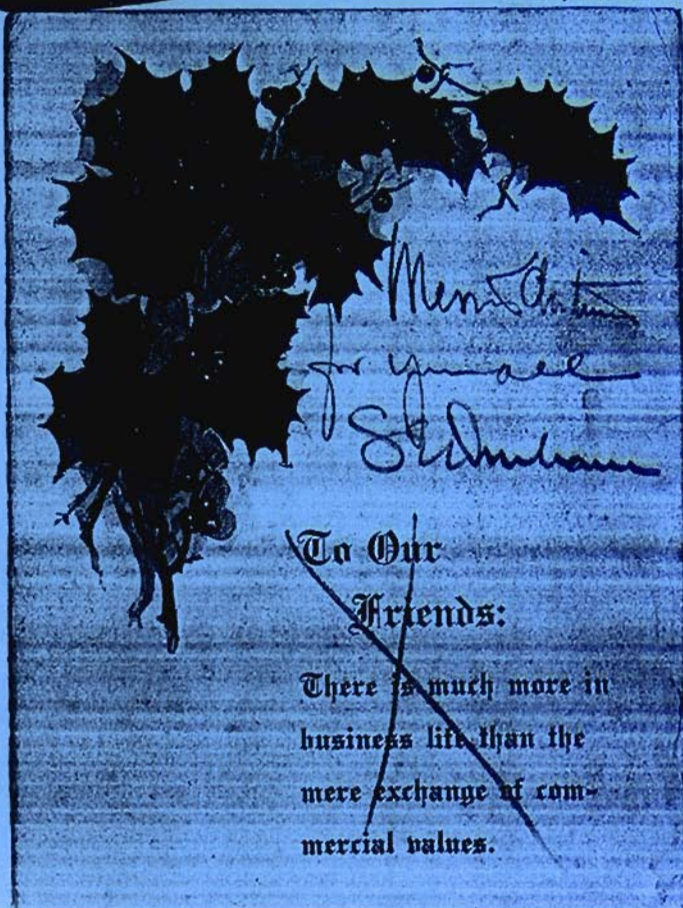


Merry Christmas



One of the traditional values that has long since disappeared from our culture is illustrated by the 1910 Christmas card below. Designed as a business-to-business greeting, this particular card did additional service as a father-to-family gift tag. Today such economizing would never be countenanced in our Throwaway Society. But Samuel Dunham (1850-1915)(9)(John 1, 2 & 3, Ebenezer 4 & 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis 8) lived in a time when even the moderately well-to-do believed in using things up. They didn't think of it as "adaptive use;" it was just ordinary frugality. Samuel's daughter Rosa learned the lesson well. She never wrote on the cards she sent (just on little slips of paper inside). This was so that the recipients could send them on to their friends at a later time. (Where they were to get the envelopes to fit isn't clear.) Still, however many times such cards were used, the warmth of the greeting never diminished.



We value the confidence and friendship of the persons with whom we are brought into contact while making that exchange.

To those from whom we buy, to those to whom we sell, and to those through whom we both buy and sell, we extend our Christmas Greetings.

And may we all enjoy a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
T. M. Sinclair & Co., Ltd.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa
December 1910

Molasses or Pickles?

P. S. K.

When Samuel E. Dunham (dates & ancestry, p. 1) was a little boy the family was very poor. His father had died, & his mother was struggling mightily to raise 3 boys & a little girl, without any help. With the \$40.00 that was all she had at the time of Francis S. Dunham's death, she opened a stationery supply store in her home near the her husband's former school in Berlin, MD & tried to make ends meet. There was very little money available for food, & their inadequate diet consigned all 4 children to lifetimes of poor health.

Every night they had cornmeal mush for supper; however, they had a choice of what to have with it. The choices were either molasses or pickles. The boys (Frank, Samuel & Ralph) all preferred molasses with their cornmeal mush, but Nealie liked pickles better. To be especially nice to his little sister, when it was his turn to choose Sammy would often select the pickles.

I've often wondered why they all had to eat whichever accompaniment one of them chose. Why couldn't they each have had their own preference?

Despite the harsh circumstances of their childhood, the children all did well in later life. Frank went to theological seminary & became an Episcopal minister. Sammy was successful in unsnarling the complexities of the commodities market. Ralph became a commercial artist. Nealie never married, & she never had a career as such, but she kept house for Ralph, her bachelor brother, & she was in great demand as a care-giver for Frank's & Samuel's children. She never made any money, but everyone loved her -- which may, after all, be the greatest measure of success in life.

Opinions Needed

It has always been DD's policy never to "trash" the family -- which is to say that if we learned of any negative information about family members, we didn't publish it. Not that we (or probably you) assumed that a drop of Dunham blood automatically conferred angelic status; (Of course, it does go a long way!) And truth to tell, most of the material that has come to light paints our Dunham kin in a most favorable light: intelligent, ethical, hard-working & public spirited.

Now we've received some interesting material of a somewhat different type. Question: Should DD publish it? What do you think? Is it okay to do so, provided it doesn't pertain to the direct ancestors of anyone on our mailing list? Should we take an open-minded position & invite advocates of these maligned individuals to present a defense? Should we tell it like it comes in, or should we forget about it & stick to the high road?

Your vote will be appreciated!

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Part II, narrative of Trip to England, (re: Dunham)
from Gratia & Ken Mahony
Saturday, May 10, 1997

A stop in Gainsborough Lincolnshire at Gainsborough Old Hall was most interesting. This was a site which claimed to have been visited by the Separatists who went later to Holland, and then to America in 1620. After getting into Gainsborough, and locating the old manor house, we went in to purchase tickets and a guide book. What a fascinating place we discovered it to be. We first learned a little about John Smyth the founder of the Separatist Church at Gainsborough. He had graduated from Christ's College, Cambridge in 1575/6 and in 1600-02 he held office of Preacher of the City of Lincoln. Soon after he was deposed for his "strange doctrines" by the Bishop of Lincoln; and by March 1603/4 he was recorded in Gainsborough. By this time the owner of Gainsborough Old Hall was William Hickman, a Puritan sympathizer. Hickman allowed the Separatists to gather their church in the Old Hall. This company was drawn from the surrounding towns and villages from Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire where "they bordered nearest together". This fact hit home with me because Scrooby, where John Dunham worked at Scrooby Manor, is only ten or so miles from Gainsborough.

(I am also mindful of the fact that Dunham-on-Trent is located about ten miles west of Lincoln, and ten miles south of Gainsborough).

By 1607 Smyth described himself as "Pastor of the Church of Gainsborough". Through persecution, he and his followers left Gainsborough in late 1607 to 1608 to join the company of Separatists at Amsterdam in Holland. Smyth died in Amsterdam in August of 1612.

Among those who worshipped at the Separatist Church at Gainsborough while John Smyth was pastor there were William Brewster of the Manor House at Scrooby; William Bradford of Austerfield; and John Robinson of Sturton-le-Steeple; and these men later formed a church meeting in the home of William Brewster. This Scrooby Church eventually sailed for Holland leaving from Killingholm Creek near Grimsby in 1608. For a time the two Separatist Churches lived together in Amsterdam, but in April 1609 the Scrooby Church moved to Leyden where John Robinson became their pastor. Part of this group were the Pilgrims who set out in August of 1620 on the Mayflower for New England.

Upon leaving Gainsborough we went across the River Trent to see what remains of the tiny village of Scrooby. William Brewster had lived here as a boy after his father was appointed to manage Scrooby Manor in 1575. The manor was a large landholding belonging to the Archbishop of York's estates. Brewster's father was also post master and kept part of the manor house as an inn for post riders going north and south along the country's major road. In 1580 William Brewster attended Cambridge and in 1582 he began to work for the Puritan Sir William Davison, one of Queen Elizabeth's trusted diplomats. In 1585 he visited Holland with Sir William.

In 1589 (this was the year John Dunham was born), William Brewster returned to Scrooby and took over the running of the manor and the postmaster's job. Here he married his wife Mary in 1591/2. He attended the Babworth Church to worship with Richard Clyfton, and there in 1602 he met the young William Bradford who came to Babworth from his own village of Austerfield. We did see the Manor Farm at Scrooby, although it is now privately owned so we did not go inside.

I plan to work up a time line for John Dunham with respect to the above persons and dates. I believe that John Dunham joined the Leyden Church after the main group had settled there. I'll send the time line to the list when I get it done.

Hope you've all enjoyed sharing my experiences.

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Mrs. Silas (Tirzah Noble) Dunham Identified

In a rather tardy perusal of information received from Jean Dunn, N. Liberty, IA, we noted the name of her great-great-grandmother, Tirzah Noble. Since NOBLE is one of the other families Phyllis Kitson is working on, she checked her Noble Index & readily found Tirzah (N-131911)(1790-1873)(6)(Thomas Noble 1, Thomas 2, Thomas 3, Caleb 4, Caleb 5), a native of Westfield, MA, who married Silas Dunham in 1814. Silas died in 1839, & in 1840 Tirzah married a Wait Franklin. Her 7 children were all Dunhams: 1/ Edward N., b. 1814 in Henrietta, NY, & d. 1850, St. Louis, MO; 2/ Alfred D., b. 1816 NY & res. 1877 Clinton, IA; 3/ Rev/ Silas E., b. 1819 NY & res. 1877 Galesburg, MI; 4/ Wesley H., b. 1820 NY & res 1877 Clinton, IA; 5/ Tirzah (1820-1826); 6/ Tirzah, b. 1829 NY, m. 1/ Henry Moore, m. 2/ Duncan McMartin, res. Allegan, MI; & 7/ Albert (1831-1833). None of these lines is continued, & we'd surely like an up-date on any of their descendants.

Sorry--as yet no further details on Silas Dunham of Gun Plains, Allegan Co., MI. There has long been a mystery regarding a connection between Dunham families in this location, & to augment our problem, it is difficult to get at our records in this matter. Unfortunately our files aren't set up to highlight the especially elusive ancestors in everyone's lines, &, at 73, our mental wheels don't turn as readily as they used to do. Donations of Ginkoba accepted!

Jean Dunn also shares an interesting clipping from the *Cedar Rapids (IA) Gazette*, date of Aug. 15, 1997. She notes that Maynard Dunham (1895-1997) was about 10 years older than her father & in the right place to have been related to him. Perhaps a descendant of either Alfred D. Dunham or Wesley Dunham? A suggestion: Could Jean track these 2 men through the 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 Iowa census or soundex? Her local library might already have these reels, &, if not, the fee to rent them would be nominal.

Oldest combat Marine dies

102-year-old Sabula native fought in World War I Battle of Belleau Wood

SABULA (AP) — Maynard Dunham, Iowa's oldest combat Marine veteran of World War I, has died at Bluff Terrace Nursing Facility in Clinton. He died Tuesday at 102.

From 1917 to 1919, Dunham served in the 3rd Company, 3rd Battalion of the 6th Marine Regiment. His battalion was among about 10,000 troops who fought the Germans for 20 days in the famed Battle of Belleau Wood near Paris.

A faded, sepia-tone photograph taken in 1918 of Dunham was one of his cherished possessions.

"Every time I look at the picture of my company and all those young men I cry because I'm just about the only one still alive," he said in a 1995 interview. "He was wounded twice, once in the Battle

of Belleau Wood and once in Germany, when a piece of shrapnel tore into his arm.

Belleau Wood was a significant battle of the war — and the first major offensive action of the war for the U.S. Marines. It is generally considered the action that put a halt to a German offensive and resulted in Paris being spared from battle.

Through the years, the Sabula native was honored by the Marines and the local AMVETS, VFW and American Legion posts on Veterans Day. When he turned 100, he was honored as one of 41 surviving WWI Marines and was third in age among them.

"He was a wonderful man," said Jack Thoms, executive secretary of the Clinton Scottish Rite Mason Bodies and a volunteer at the nursing home where Dunham spent his last years. "He was very patriotic and a very kind person."

He said Dunham, a retired railroad clerk, reminisced a lot about his combat days as a machine gun operator. In a 1993 interview, Dunham said his unit gave the Germans all they could handle and earned the nickname "die Teufelhunde" — the Devil Dogs.

"It was hell. Young folks like we weren't automatic killers."

Maynard Dunham in 1993 interview

"It was hell," he said. "Young folks like we weren't automatic killers. But Belleau Wood was the first time. That's when we knew we were going to have to kill people — and we did. It went on and on and on. You can't forget those things."

He received the Purple Heart, the Medal of Valor and the French Croix de Guerre.

Services will be at 10:30 this morning at Sabula United Methodist Church. His survivors include four daughters, Jacqueline Welsh and Jolene Marburger, both of Clinton, Barbara Ross of Cedar Rapids and Berta Cox of Chadwick, Ill.

Crash in Ellisburg Kills Canastota Woman

By David C. Shampine

Times Staff Writer

ELLISBURG — A Canastota woman was killed Wednesday night when her vehicle rolled over three times on Route 193 in the town of Ellisburg.

Karen M. Dunham, 38, was declared dead at the scene by Dr. Steven J. Kalamaras, assistant Jefferson County medical examiner. Her body was taken to Samaritan Medical Center, Watertown, where an autopsy was to be conducted today.

State police said she was driving southeast when at 8:10 p.m. she lost control of her 1996 GMC rear-wheel drive vehicle on a sweeping left curve. The vehicle went onto the right shoulder, skidding side-

Traffic Deaths

To Date	1996	1997
Jefferson	12	6
Lewis	3	0
St. Law.	7	5
Franklin	2	3
N. Oswego.....	2	3
Total	26	17

ways, then rolled back onto the road, police said.

The victim was found restrained by a seat belt when ambulance responders entered the vehicle, which was resting on its roof, said Keith Dunham, Mannsville, who was the first emergency responder at the scene. But state police Zone Sgt. Michael J. Maurer said she was not

wearing her shoulder harness, and she was found partially out the driver's door window.

Mr. Dunham, who has a daughter Karen, said the victim was not related to him.

Police said they believed she was en route to her home after having spent time with her parents, Floyd and Mary Dunham, Bradenton, Fla., at their cottage on Lake Ontario.

Golf clubs, laundry baskets and a photograph collection spilled from her car, Sgt. Maurer said.

Miss Dunham held an executive position with Pioneer Cellular in Syracuse, the sergeant said.

Arrangements are with Goddard, Crandall & Shepardson Funeral Home, Syracuse.

ARIES D: 8/6/97

Karen M. Dunham

Karen M. Dunham, 38, of Syracuse died Wednesday in a one-car accident on Route 193 in Ellisburg, Jefferson County.



She lived in the Syracuse area most of her life and was a graduate of Henninger High School and the Powelson Business Institute.

She was employed as a major account executive with Frontier Cellular in Syracuse.

Miss Dunham was a communicant of Most Holy Rosary and Blessed Sacrament churches. She was a member of the President's Club and received the Chairman's Club Award at Frontier Cellular.

Surviving are her parents, Floyd and Mary Dunham of Florida; a brother, James of Syracuse; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services are 8:30 a.m. Monday at Goddard-Crandall-Shepardson Funeral Home and 9 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial is in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt.

Calling hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, 3111 James St.

Contributions may be made to the Blessed Sacrament Outreach Program or its Renovation Fund.

DD thanks William G. Burke, Watertown, NY, for the above clipping & the one at left, from a recent NY newspaper. Karen Dunham is unidentified in the family annals.

Newsletter Business

Dropping down to an every-other-month publication schedule has had the desired necessary result of reducing Editor Phyllis Kitson's expenses (& thanks very much to those who have kindly made financial contributions to help that situation), but it has also had an undesired result: a reduction in incoming materials that can be used in the newsletter. This is probably a natural consequence, as DD is not brought to readers' minds as frequently as before. We fully intend to "keep going," but can only do so as long as the materials come in. So this is the same old pitch for those materials, a little louder this time. We are certain that, even if they don't have old family letters & news paper clippings, all our Dunham cousins do have photos of themselves, their parents & grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers & sisters. PLEASE SEND WHATEVER YOU CAN, & remember, it doesn't matter how old or how new such items are, & it doesn't matter what the surnames of the individuals might be, so long as they have Dunham ancestry.